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Celebrating Who We Are

Hi Everyone,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term; I find myself reflecting with great gratitude on who we are as a school community and all that we have achieved together.

We have much to celebrate.

Over recent weeks, our school participated in the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Review process. While reviews are designed to examine evidence, practices and outcomes, they also provide an opportunity to reflect deeply on our identity and culture.

I am delighted to share that the reviewer assessed our school more highly than we assessed ourselves. More importantly, he affirmed what many of us already know and experience each day.

When speaking with students, parents and staff, and after spending considerable time in our classrooms and playgrounds, three words emerged repeatedly:

RELATIONSHIPS, CARE and LOVE

These words are far more than descriptors. They capture the heart of St Mary MacKillop School.

The reviewer noted the strong and respectful relationships that exist between students, staff and families. He recognised the care shown to one another and the genuine sense of belonging that is evident throughout our community. Most significantly, he observed that these values are not simply spoken about; they are lived every day.

These affirmations belong to all of us. They reflect the collective efforts of our staff, students, families and parish community, each of whom contributes to making St Mary MacKillop School the special place that it is. The strong relationships, genuine care and sense of love identified by the reviewer are not the work of any one person or group; they are the result of a community working together with a shared commitment to the wellbeing, growth and success of every child. **This recognition is something we can all celebrate and be proud of.**

This term has also been a significant one in the faith life of our school. We congratulate our Year 3 students who recently received the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** and Year 6 students who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Saturday. Thank you to Natalie Mulford, our Year 3 and Year 6 teachers, Bishop Martin Ashe, Monsignor Charles Portelli, Fr Vinh, our staff and families for supporting our students on this important step in their faith journey.

As we conclude the term, our theme of **Pray, Trust, Act** continues to guide us. There is much to celebrate, but there is also much to look forward to. The review has affirmed our strengths while also helping us identify opportunities to continue growing and improving for the benefit of every child.

Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. Thank you for your partnership, your encouragement and your support. Together, we continue to build a school where every child is known, valued and loved.

As we enter the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest and reconnect with family and friends.

I leave you with these words from Saint Mary MacKillop:

"We have much for which to be thankful." Mary MacKillop, 1873.

May God bless you and your families, and may you enjoy a safe and restful holiday.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

Mid-Year Reporting

Your child's formal Mid-Year Report will be available via the Nforma Parent Portal from 3:00pm today Friday 26 June 2026.

Following the release of reports, we invite you to attend a Parent–Child–Teacher Conversation on Monday 20 July 2026. These conversations provide a valuable opportunity to include your child in discussing their learning progress, celebrate their achievements, and identify future goals for growth.

We strongly encourage children to attend these meetings. Their presence helps them develop ownership of their learning, reflect on their strengths, understand areas for improvement, and actively participate in setting goals for the future. When students are included in these conversations, they gain a deeper understanding of themselves as learners and are empowered to take greater responsibility for their learning journey.

To facilitate these meetings, Monday 20 July will be a student-free day. Parents may choose to book an **online meeting** (details have been forwarded home) **or attend a face-to-face meeting** in their child's classroom. The choice is yours; whatever is most convenient for your family.

These conversations are an ideal opportunity to gain insight into your child's strengths, celebrate their progress, and discuss any challenges they may be experiencing.

PRINCIPAL AWARD



SRC Report – 15 June

Today, we discussed the meaning of the word *mascot*. A **mascot** is a person, animal, or character that represents a school, team, or group and helps cheer people on and bring good luck.

Mrs Artuso spoke to us about the entries for the PBL Mascot Competition. We then looked at all the designs and each chose one that we liked. These selected entries will now become part of the shortlist. Mrs Artuso will then share the shortlist with staff and the parent community for their feedback and input.

We also discussed some of the great things happening in our school, including Cross Country, Dress in Red Day, and some of the fun rewards teachers are using in their classrooms, such as a lap of the sunlight, coupons, and Friday Fun Day.

One thing that students would like to see added to our school is a Gaga Pit.



Family Formation Night



CONFIRMATION

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”

Many of our Year 6 children were Confirmed on Saturday 20th June. We spent the week before preparing for this significant and sacred celebration. Father Elio Capra visited with families for a family formation evening, exploring the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. On Reflection Day, we enjoyed a day of reflection, singing, and community with Gen Bryant and her team. Our Prep buddies even got to join in on the fun! We thank Josh and Kellie for organising a BBQ for the children's lunch. We acknowledged and celebrated their full initiation into the Church, at Assembly this week.

Reflection Day Activities



Reflection Day BBQ Lunch



She Who Explores

JULY SESSIONS



Discover what it means to be an Ave girl.

Through our after school program, She Who Explores, Year 4 and 5 students can experience Ave Maria College through fun, hands-on learning activities..

Scan the QR code to register.

For more information, please contact Mrs Natalie Meddis, Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), at AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.

Choose a session and start exploring!

- **Food Technology (Repeat)** - Monday, 20 July
- **Science (Repeat)** - Monday, 20 July
- **Food Technology (Repeat)** - Wednesday, 29 July
- **Netball Skills (Repeat)** - Wednesday, 29 July



GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM TERM 3 @ CRCNK



This fun and engaging program runs over 3 consecutive Thursdays:

📅 27 August | 3 September | 10 September

🕒 3:45pm – 5:00pm

*Students must attend all 3 sessions. Parent/carer attendance required (includes Leadership presentations).

- ✓ Hands-on sessions with our staff & student leaders
- ✓ Explore high school subjects in a fun, supportive environment
- ✓ Gain real insight into student life at CRCNK



Places are limited – register via our College website today!

🌐 www.crcnk.vic.edu.au

📍 1C Santa Monica Drive North Keilor

☎ 9361 5900

SMMPs GIRL POWER

We would like to share two outstanding sporting achievements from two of our students here at SMMPs. Maddi Velloff and Savannah Micallef are both in year 6 at our school. Both girls lead their respective houses as sports captains this year and both have achieved some outstanding results in their chosen sports

We are so proud of both these girls and can't wait to hear how they go! Congratulations LEGENDS!

Maddi Velloff (6 Blue)
RED House Captain



Maddi is a keen golfer. She has progressed her game so much over the past year. Her hard work and dedication to Golf is something that she and her family are really proud of. Maddi has had several wins over the winter tour locally and following this has now been invited to compete at the World Junior Championships at Pinehurst in North Carolina (USA).

What an amazing achievement for someone so young!

Maddi is a great example of a sporting leader. She is enthusiastic, energetic, committed and always competes with a smile on her face! We are so excited for

Maddi and can't wait to hear all about this competition and experience!
Go Maddi!!

Savannah Micallef (6 Blue)
YELLOW House Captain



It's no secret at our school that we have some amazingly talented students when it comes to sport but in particular, soccer.

Savannah is one of our students in Year 6 Blue and she is also our Yellow House Captain. This year in her quest to become an elite Football (Soccer) player, she has reached new heights!

Firstly, Savannah captained our school Soccer team to the Sydenham District Premiership. She played an amazing season, scoring goals and leading by example on field.

Following this she was encouraged to enter the School Sport Victoria (SSV) pathway to try out for the Team VIC Squad. She competed against the best players

from all around metropolitan Melbourne and qualified through three levels of trials to ultimately be selected into the final team. This means she will be travelling to Newcastle this October to play for TEAM VIC in the School Sport Australia National Championships. What an amazing achievement!

Savannah has also been offered a position at Maribymong Sports Academy in 2027.

Savannah is one of the most dedicated athletes you will ever come across, she works hard, shows passion both on and off the field, but is always there to help others, she is a natural team leader and an extremely valuable member of our school team and the SMMPs Year 6 Cohort. Best of luck in Newcastle Sav!!



STRIKE SOCCER SCHOOL BRUNSWICK SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINIC



**3 DAYS OF SOCCER FUN,
FRIENDSHIPS & SKILLS!**

 DATES 1st, 2nd & 3rd of July	 WHAT TO BRING Drink Bottle  Sport Clothing / Warm Outer Layer  Recess
 DROP OFF 8:30am – 9:00am drop off window	 PROVIDED High quality training  BBQ for lunch (sausage sizzle + vegetarian options)
 PICK UP 2:00pm – 2:30pm	 LOCATION Brunswick South-West Primary School (parking Moule Street)

REGISTER AT
strikesoccerschool.com

 SKILL DEVELOPMENT	 FUN GAMES	 MAKE NEW FRIENDS	 SAFE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
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SEE YOU THERE!



AUSSIE HOOPS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Thursday 2nd July
10am - 12pm
Tuesday 7th July
10am - 12pm
\$35 for 1 session or \$60 for both
Keilor Basketball Stadium

SHOOTING CAMP WITH TANA KOPA

Wednesday 1st July
10am - 1pm
Monday 6th July
10am - 1pm
\$50 for 1 session or \$80 for 2 sessions
Keilor Basketball Stadium

GAMEPLAY CAMP

FRIDAY 3RD JULY | 10AM - 1PM
\$50 PER ATHLETE
KEILOR BASKETBALL STADIUM

- Fun-focused camp with nonstop action and games
- Great for building confidence, teamwork, and game experience
- Perfect mix of fun, competition, and development

GIRLS ONLY CAMP

This camp is coached by our NBL1 Womens players and coaches.

Keilor Basketball Stadium
Monday 29th June
10am - 3pm
\$70 per athlete

NBL1 DEVELOPEMENT CAMP **\$80**

We're keen to help your players stay active, keep developing, and have fun over the holidays — and we'd love your help getting more of your team along to the KBA's NBL1 Development Skills Camp!

Players of all levels will enjoy a perfect mix of fun games and high-level basketball training, led by Keilor Thunder coaches and NBL1 players.






IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

TERM 2

Friday 26 June
End of Term 2 Students finish @ 1pm

TERM 3

Monday 13 July
Term 3 commences

Wednesday 15 July, Wednesday 16 July and Thursday 23 July
Teeth on Wheels

Monday 20 July - SCHOOL CLOSURE
Parent Teacher Conversations-8.30am to 6.00pm

Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July
Book Fair-flyer to come

Monday 24 August to Monday 31 August
Book Week

Monday 31 August
Book Parade @ 9.00am in hall

Friday 18 September
End of Term 3 Students finish @ 1pm